

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/940,518
Filing Date	August 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	Loong-Tak LIM, et al.
Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Y. Gakh
Attorney Docket Number	213201.00051

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the Amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 1, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1710
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 03/31/2004 EAREGAY1 00000087 501710 09940518
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA
- iii. ☐ Change of Correspondence
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	DAWN C. HAYES	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,751
Signature	<i>Dawn C. Hayes</i>	Date	March 30, 2004

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Examiner: Y. Gakh
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Loong-Tak LIM, et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/940,518)	
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Filed: August 29, 2001)	
)	March 30, 2004
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR TESTING)	
ALDEHYDE IN POLYESTER POLYMER)	

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please extend the time for responding to the final Office Action dated September 30, 2003, by one additional month, from February 29, 2004 to March 30, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 in the amount of \$530.00 (the difference between the \$950.00 fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for a three month extension of time, and the \$420.00 in extension fees previously paid).

Applicants request that the Amendment After Final filed on March 1, 2004 be entered. In addition, prior to examination on the merits, Applicants request that the above-identified application be further amended as follows:

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